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PIEZOELECTRIC ELECTROACOUSTIC
TRANSDUCER USING THE SAME

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: M. Budd

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of two (2) references cited in the enclosed Official Communication issued in a corresponding German Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the Official Communication from the corresponding German Patent Application and a completed Form PTO-1449. Applicants have had this translation prepared by a professional translation service and applicants presently have no reason to doubt that the translation is accurate. However, Applicants have not independently verified the accuracy of such translation, and accordingly, submission of the same should not be taken as a binding admission by Applicants that the translation is accurate.

Applicants cite Reference No. 2 because it is the U.S. equivalent of Reference No. 3.

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Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request that the cited references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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